

# **Skip the Trip FAQs**

## **What is Skip the Trip?**

*This is a new mail-in renewal process (at no additional cost) for driver's licenses and non-driver IDs.*

## **When does Skip the Trip begin?**

*Skip the Trip begins with those MVC customers due to renew in November 2012.*

## **Who is eligible for Skip the Trip?**

*MVC customers born on or before December 1, 1964 who have driver's licenses or non-driver IDs that will expire beginning with November 2012*

## **How do I Skip the Trip?**

*If you are eligible, the MVC will send you a renewal form along with an insert inviting you to Skip the Trip. Simply complete the renewal form, enclose your check/money order\* with the appropriate fee and drop it in the mail. A new driver's license or non-driver ID, featuring your existing photo on file with the MVC, will be mailed to you within 7-to-10 days.*

*\*customers cannot pay mail-in renewals with a credit card at this time.*

## **How long is my new license valid?**

*Four years*

## **Do I need to present 6 Points of Identification to Skip the Trip?**

*No. Due to new security measures in place, customers invited to Skip the Trip do not have to present 6 Points of Identification when renewing through the mail.*

## **May I still renew at an MVC agency if I'm eligible to Skip the Trip?**

*Yes. However, all customers who visit an MVC agency to renew a driver's license or non-driver ID must present 6 Points of Identification and have a new photo taken.*

## **I was born after December 1, 1964, why can't I Skip the Trip?**

*This is a new initiative that the MVC is starting with a certain segment of the driving population. There are plans to expand eligibility in the future, including renewals online.*

## **Since I cannot Skip the Trip, how do I renew?**

*Visit any one of 39 MVC Agencies and present your 6 Points of Identification, pay the required fee and you will be issued your new driver license or non-driver ID upon taking a new photo.*

**Other than my age, are there any reasons why I might not be able to Skip the Trip and renew through the mail?**

*Yes. If you possess a Commercial Driver License (CDL) or Graduated Driver License (GDL), have an active suspension, have a Temporary Visa Restriction (TVR), have a boat license or boat endorsement, or you are required to have an ignition interlock device on your vehicle, you cannot renew through the mail.*

**It's the end of the month and my driver's license is due to expire, should I still renew by mail?**

*If you are within 10 days of the end of the month, you may want to visit an MVC agency rather than renew by mail in order to ensure that you will have your new driver's license in time. Keep in mind that a driver may be cited by law enforcement under N.J.S.A. 39:3-29 for failure to exhibit documents. This is a potential \$150 fine.*

**It's been over 10 days since I renewed by mail but I did not receive my new document yet. What should I do?**

*Please call General Information at (888) 486-3339.*

**Is the driver's license or non-driver ID I renew through the mail different than the kind you issue at an MVC Agency?**

*All driver's licenses and non-driver IDs issued by the MVC are valid for four years. Any document issued through the mail will feature the individual's existing photo on file with the MVC. Documents issued at an agency will have a new photo taken at the time of the individual's visit.*

**I lost my renewal notice that invited me to Skip the Trip. Can I still renew through the mail?**

*Unfortunately, due to specific coding on the renewal notice, you cannot obtain a new Skip the Trip renewal. You will have to visit an MVC Agency to renew.*

**How do I change my address when renewing through the mail?**

*Simply check off the "change of address" box and note the new address on the renewal form.*

**Does it matter what color ink I use to fill out my application and check/money order ?**

*Yes. For processing purposes, please use only black or blue ink.*